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SUBJECT: BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON EXTRADITION

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1. IN MUSEUX'S ABSENCE, EMBASSY OFFICER SPOKE WITH FONOFF LEGAL ADVISER, DE LA CHARRIERE, WHO JUST RECENTLY RETURNED PARIS, ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF EXPERT DISCUSSIONS ON QUESTION OF MUTUAL REPRESENTATION IN EXTRADITION CASES.

2. DE LA CHARRIERE WAS FAMILIAR WITH OUR SUGGESTION AND SAID HE HAD ADDRESSED MEMO ON THIS SUBJECT TO AMBASSADOR CHAYET, DIRECTOR OF CONSULAR AND TREATY AFFAIRS, AND TO THE OFFICE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER. HE SAID THAT IF LATTER WERE AGREEABLE TO HOLDING THESE DISCUSSIONS AND IF CHAYET CONCURRED, HE WOULD THEN CONTACT JUSTICE MINISTRY TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THEY WOULD BE WILLING ALSO TO PARTICIPATE.

3. DE LA CHARRIERE SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY SAW NO OBJECTION TO HOLDING THE KIND OF EXPERT DISCUSSIONS THE DEPARTMENT HAS IN MIND, PROVIDED THAT THE SUBJECT OF MUTUAL REPRESENTATION AND RELATED ISSUES BE DISCUSSED IN GENERRAL TERMS AND NOT RPT NOT WITH RESPECT TO ANY SPECIFIC CASE IN PROCESS. HE OBVIOUSLY WAS REFERRING TO OUR CURRENT EXTRADITION REQUEST FOR HIJACKERS BROWN ET AL.

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4. IN VIEW OF DE LA CHARRIERE'S SENSITIVITY TOWARDS
ANY BILATERAL GOVERNMENT CONVERSATIONS WHICH COULD BE
CONSTRUED AS IN ANY WAY SEEKING TO INFLUENCE GOF'S
HANDLING OF CASE NOW BEFORE COURTS, WE BELIEVE IT
WOULD BE MOST UNWISE FOR US TO LINK PROPOSED
DISCUSSIONS TO THIS CASE OR TO PRESS GOF TO SCHEDULE
THEM BEFORE DATE OF TRIAL.

5. DE LA CHARRIERE SAID HE WOULD LET US KNOW AS SOON
AS HE HAD A DECISION FROM HIS GOVERNMENT, BUT HE
POINTED OUT THAT IT MIGHT TAKE A LITTLE TIME, ESPECIALLY
SINCE AMBASSADOR CHAYET WAS ON VACATION AND WOULD NOT
RETURN UNTIL JULY 17.
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